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AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES 12 AUG - SEPT

ITEM 5 - UPDATING OF THE SPECIAL STUDY OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION IN THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
SPHERES - AUG 23-24.

1. AUTHOR OF DOCUMENT FOR THIS ITEM, HERMAN SANTA CRUZ,
REVIEWED REVISED EDITION OF STUDY NOTING THAT CHANGES
HAD OCCURRED DURING PAST 10 YEARS AND SOME SITUATIONS
HAVE IMPROVED. HOWEVER, IN NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND
RHODESIA, CONDITIONS ARE CRITICAL AND ACTION BY THE
U.N. IS NECESSARY. SANTA CRUZ URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT
THE SUB-COMMISSION (SC) ADOPT PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD
GET THE DOCUMENT THROUGH THE U.N. MACHINERY AS QUICKLY
AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE STUDY COULD BE PUBLISHED AND
DISTRIBUTED. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE SC GRANT HIM
ADDITIONAL TIME FOR FINAL EDITING.

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2. SANTA CRUZ CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SUGGESTING THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDER THE CURRENT RESURGENCE OF NAZIISM.

3. SC MEMBERS WERE EXCESSIVE IN PRAISING SANT CRUZ, REMARKING ON HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIS SCHOLARSHIP. SINGH (INDIA), SO CARRIED AWAY, THAT HE PRAISED SANTA CRUZ FOR JUST ARRIVING FROM THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO.

4. JOHN CAREY (US) SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL TO SEE THIS UNVARNISHED TEXT WHICH PRESENTS SITUATIONS AS THEY EXIST. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT SINCE THE ORIGINAL DRAFT WAS PUBLISHED, MUCH HAD CHANGED IN THE U.S. WHILE THE SITUATION IS STILL NOT GOOD, CAREY FELT THAT THE SANTA CRUZ DOCUMENT SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO REFLECT IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS. A NUMBER OF EDITORIAL CHANGES SUGGESTED USE OF CURRENT TERMINOLOGY, I.E. BLACK MAN IN THE TEXT SHOULD BE CHANGED TO BLACK PERSON. ONE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE RAISED BY CAREY WAS WHAT "IDEOLOGY" IS REFERRED TO IN SANTA CRUZ'S STUDY (PARA 3, PAGE 4 DOCUMENT E/CN.4/ SUB. 2/370) AS BEING "CLOSELY AKIN IN MANY RESPECTS TO NAZIISM. CAREY RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE DELETED FROM THE STUDY AND INSTEAD TAKEN UP UNDER A MORE APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEM.

5. NOTING THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE SC ABOUT THE TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SOUTH AFRICA, CAREY SUGGESTED THAT THE MEMBERS MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER OBSERVING NAMIBIA DAY AUG 26 AS AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT. IN FUNDING AND INTRODUCING NEW DEVICES FOR ERADICATING DISCRIMINATION, CAREY OUTLINED SEVERAL METHODS USED IN THE U.S. WHICH HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN RUDUCING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY MIGHT BE ADAPTED FOR USE IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD: (A) AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INCLUDING ITS USE IN CONNECTION WITH REVENUE SHARING, AND (B) CLASS ACTION SUITS.

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6. ALTERNATE MEMBER DIDIDANA (USSR) REQUESTED THAT HAVANA SEMINAR ON APARTHEID AND GA RES 3379 (ZIONISM/ RACISM) BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF SANT CRUZ DOCUMENT. HE THEN MADE LENGTHY ATTACK ON U.K., DESCRIBING THE VARIOUS TYPES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PRACTICED THERE.

7. IN REPLY, WHITAKER (UK) SAID THAT ACTUAL RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN HIS COUNTRY WORSE THAN SITUATION

CITED BY THE U.S. PRESS FROM WHICH DIDIDANA QUOTED.
DISCUSSING SOUTH AFRICA, WHITAKER NOTED THAT THE OPEC
COUNTRIES PLANNED OIL EMBARGO AGAINST ALL COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING THE U.K., WHICH TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
HE RECOMMENDED THAT IRAN JOIN OPEC AND JOIN THE
EMBARGO.

8. MEMBER CONCLUDED REMARKS BY CALLING FOR AN
IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF THE RECENT RHODESIAN
RAIDS INTO MOZAMBIQUE.

9. IN REPLYING TO QUESTION RAISED ABOUT THE STUDY,
SANTA CRUZ SAID HE WOULD REFERENCE THE
HAVANA SEMINAR ON APARTHEID. HE DID NOT RPT NOT
RESPOND TO THE REQUEST THAT RES 3379 BE CITED IN
THE DOCUMENT.

10. IN A LENGTHY CRYPTIC REPLY TO CAREY REGARDING
FORCES WORSE THAN NAZIISM WHICH EXIST IN THE WORLD
TODAY, SANTA CRUZ SAID HE WOULD NOT ACCUSE OR IDENTIFY
THE COUNTRIES. HE DESCRIBED THE FORCES AS PRACTICING
AN IDEOLOGY WHICH HAVE SOME OF THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS
OF NAZIISM IT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, PRACTICE EXTERMINA
TION. SANTA CRUZ READ PORTIONS OF THE NUREMBURG
TRIBUNALS TO PROVE HIS POINT AND CONCLUDED BY SAYING
EXISTENCE OF THESE FORCES IS VERIFIED IN THE DAILY
PRESS.

11. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH CAREY, AFTER ITEM
HAD BEEN CONCLUDED, SANTA CRUZ SAID THE FORCES HE
REFERRED TO EXISTED IN CHILE, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND
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